(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relationship between labour and management is deteriorating day-by-day and the key labour issues and welfare measures are being continuously ignored by the management; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. It is not a fact that labour and management relationship are deteriorating day-by-day and key labour issues and welfare measures are ignored, though there have been a few incidents of violence in the recent past in the State sphere.

Rehabilitation of beedi workers

2258. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the beedi workers were unemployed due to the statutory restrictions and all are above 50 and ill health;

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to rehabilitate the beedi workers;

(c) whether there is any plan to introduce pension fund scheme for the benefit of the beedi workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) any idea to provide funds to the State Governments for ongoing rehabilitation scheme for the beedi workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Information regarding unemployed due to the statutory restrictions and all are above 50 and ill health is not maintained. However, action has been initiated for rehabilitation of the beedi workers by providing them vocational training according to local needs for viable alternative sources of livelihood.

(c) to (e) There are already a number of welfare schemes, like housing, scholarships for children and for health care. Provision for funds has been made. However, there is no plan to introduce a pension fund scheme for the benefit of such workers.

Modernization of Employment Exchanges

2259. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's plan for modernization of Employment Exchanges;

(b) what is Public Private Participation (PPP) in delivering of employment services; and